

Personnel Board Asks Council to Keep 'Hands Off'

Declaring the city was usurping the duties of the Civil Service personnel board, J. W. Crowther, member from Waltham, made such a good presentation of his case that the council rescinded one action taken Tuesday night and voted to keep "hands off" all personnel matters in the future.

The municipal board, on motion by Councilman George V. Powell, had ruled that all city employees who give up their annual vacation this year and stay on the job will be paid their regular vacation salary plus their usual pay.

Crowther contended that this was a matter for the personnel board and that each case of an employee needed to work during his vacation should be handled separately and not combined with all other city workers. Powell rescinded his motion, declaring the Civil Service Board member was "perfectly justified in his statement."

The council had previously granted C. M. Gilbert, bus operator, a week's vacation to put in his Victory garden. Crowther pointed out that this action was late, inasmuch as Gilbert has already had the time off and declared such requests should be made to the personnel board "before any such leaves are taken."

Another personnel matter was acted on by the council Tuesday night without consultation of the Civil Service Board but this did not draw any objections. The council approved Powell's motion that when department heads take vacations, their assistants who take their places during the two-week period will receive the increased pay of that position. Powell also made this extra pay retroactive to last year's vacation period.

City Returns 'Loan' From Water District

A \$40,000 "loan" taken from the general fund of Municipal Water District No. 1 by the city council several months ago, was ordered returned by the council Tuesday night on motion by Mayor Tom McGuire. The city's general fund has been replenished by new tax funds.

City Demands Full Building Fee From War Plant Contractor

The city of Torrance is not going to haggle over its building fees and accept "compromise" payments.

This was decided Tuesday night when the city council voted to reject a "compromise" payment of \$90 on the required \$165 fee long overdue from the contractor building an addition to the National Supply plant.

City Attorney John E. McCall was instructed to demand payment of the full fee. Although both the city and county of Los Angeles waive building permit fees on structures being erected for the Defense Plant Corp., as the addition to the local plant is being constructed, Attorney McCall informed the council that there was no law requiring such favoritism.

United Nations Fund Near \$500

Local contributions to the United Nations War Relief fund neared the \$500 mark when \$45 more was added to the donations reported last week. Meanwhile contributions are still being accepted at the Torrance National Bank and The Torrance Herald. Chairman J. W. Post today announced the following gifts:

H. Mel Roberts	\$ 10.00
Mrs. Christine Ericson	5.00
Oscar Hegberg	10.00
H. M. Abramson	10.00
John F. Higgins	5.00
F. G. Hodges	5.00
Previously Reported	446.50
TOTAL	\$491.50

Resident Requests Zoning Variance

Application of Fred E. Wilson of 1886 West 166th st., for a zone variance from A-1 to R-3 to build war housing was referred by the city council Tuesday night to the city engineer who will instruct the applicant as to the procedure to be followed in obtaining the recommendation of the City Planning Commission for such a variance.

War Industries Group Mapping Transportation

Because the transportation sub-committee of the Torrance War Industries Committee is currently engaged in making a survey to determine the best means of transportation for war workers in this area, the city council Tuesday night decided to withhold action on Frank H. Atkinson's request for approval of his proposed Torrance-Compton bus line.

The War Industries group informed the council that it was undertaking the survey to determine the "best possible transportation facilities that will serve all industries in the Torrance area."

The group intends to submit its findings to the Office of Defense Transportation and is not now "able to determine if Atkinson's proposed bus extension fits in with the needs of the district."

Maps Being Drawn

A request of the committee that it be permitted an audience with the council when the survey is completed and a decision is to be made on the Atkinson application was approved by the municipal board.

J. H. Clark, Jr., supervisor of industrial relations at Columbia Steel, chairman of the War Industries' Transportation committee, outlined the progress of the survey at a meeting of the committee Tuesday afternoon. Information is being obtained from each war plant in this area in the form of maps showing the location of their workers' homes, existing transportation facilities and "corridors of possible extension" of present or extended facilities.

The War Industries group, headed by F. L. Landon, also received reports Tuesday on the housing situation here and arranged for further representation of the community's needs before the various Federal agencies controlling housing priorities.

Landon announced he will leave this weekend for San Francisco and the east on business matters pertaining to his firm, the Aluminum Co. of America and will also contact Federal agencies in the bay city and Washington, D. C., relative to the great need for more housing in this area.

WEEKEND GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Neeley and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd E. Bademaker of San Diego were weekend guests of the L. G. Finlaysons and the E. B. Rademakers here.

ACCEPTS POSITION

Miss Mary Elizabeth Ashley of St. Paul, Minn., has accepted a position at Dow Chemical Co. as private secretary to the assistant general manager.

HAVE HOUSEGUEST

Mrs. F. A. Covington is entertaining as her houseguest Mrs. Robert Steen of Clinton, Okla., and Mrs. James W. Jones of Oklahoma City.

TEACHERS ON JOB

Mrs. Edith Kelley and the Misses Helen Collier and Ethel Burnham, teachers at Torrance high school, who were ill with flu last week, returned to their duties this week.

IN HAWTHORNE

Mrs. Ralph A. Anderson of 2264 Dominguez st., attended a club meeting last week at the home of Mrs. Pearl Brower in Hawthorne.

DINNER GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. Herb C. Allen and Lois Jayne and Hugh were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Peterson of San Pedro.

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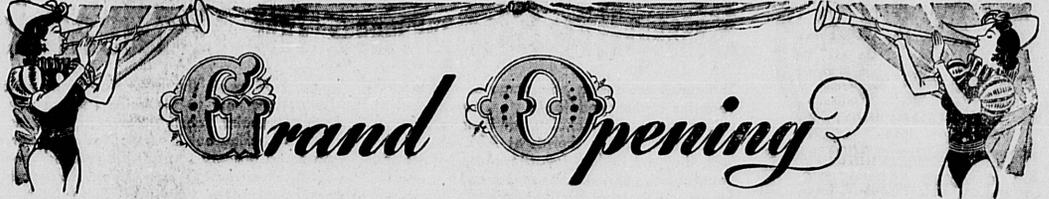
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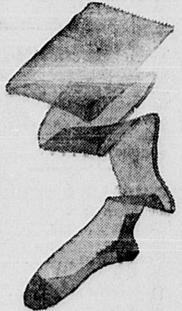
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March 14—ETERNAL VALUE OF THE LORD'S PRAYER.
March 21—REASONS FOR BELIEF AND UNBELIEF IN GOD.
March 28—THOSE WHO "CANNOT" BELIEVE.
April 4—THE PROBLEM OF SUFFERING.
April 11—THE ART OF PRAYER.
April 18—HEAVEN OR EARTH?

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LECTURES ON SUNDAY EVENINGS . . .

(Followed by Benediction)

March 14—WHAT IS THE CHURCH?
March 21—THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IS HOLY.
March 28—THE "INTOLERANT" CHURCH.
APRIL 4—THE "WORLDLINESS" OF THE CHURCH.
APRIL 11—I AM A CATHOLIC.
(PALM SUNDAY) April 18—THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS.

LECTURES ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS . . .

(Followed by Benediction)

(ASH WEDNESDAY) March 10—THE WARNING OF DEATH.
March 17—BELIEF IN LIFE EVERLASTING.
March 24—DEATH THE GUIDE.
March 31—DEATH THE COMFORTER.
April 7—PURGATORY.
April 14—REQUISITES OF A GOOD CONFESSION.
April 21—ETERNAL HAPPINESS.

Services on Friday Evenings Consist of Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament Confessions Every Saturday from 4 to 6 and 7:30 to 9 O'Clock. At Other Times by Request.

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